

Extracted from report of Hoover Commission Task Force
on Intelligence Activities:

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Page 50 Recommendation #4

1. That the military services and NSA continue to strive for a higher degree of cryptographic security.
2. That the problem of communications security including plain text messages and traffic analysis of encrypted messages, be re-studied by USCSB (or the combined board as recommended in this report) with a view toward reducing to the lowest practicable level the quantity of information released through telecommunications.
3. That NSC 168 be reexamined to ascertain if the Director, NSA, has sufficient authority to carry out his comsec responsibilities.

Page 51 Recommendation #5

1. That a single board with appropriate subcommittees have policy cognizance over communications intelligence and communications security. If the recommendation to place the evaluation and analysis of ELINT under NSA is adopted, then policy guidance for ELINT as well as COMINT and COMSEC should be exercised by the proposed single board.

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Recommendation No. 8

That the present basic communications (cryptographic) security plan, providing for centralized control with effective decentralization of operations, be continued; that each agency and service maintain effective inspection and vigorous training programs to reduce to the minimum cryptographic operational security violations.

Recommendation No. 9

That NSC determine ways and means to control more effectively release of valuable intelligence to potential enemies via clear text messages being transmitted over government and civil communication networks.

Recommendation No. 10

That the general tendency within the communications intelligence and the communications security agencies to overemphasize the special security facets of their operations with respect to basic communications and electronics features be examined objectively and comprehensively by competent, technically qualified authority to insure that such over-emphasis is not producing unnecessary duplication of facilities and operations in peacetime which will grow to completely unrealistic figures in wartime, and producing a system which may fail in an emergency because it will require considerable readjustment of basic operational practices at a critical time. (This service could be accomplished by the sub-committee proposed in Recommendation No. 1 above.)

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SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE PRESIDENT SET UP A SPECIAL COMMISSION COMPOSED OF TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED CIVIL AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS REPRESENTATIVES, TO SURVEY AND PRODUCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE MORE

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EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS RESOURCES OF THE
UNITED STATES IN THE NATIONAL INTERESTS IN CASE OF WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

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